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1. IN RECENT WEEKS, THE AUGUSTA AIRCRAFT COMPLEX HAD HAD MORE THAN ITS USUAL ATTENTION FROM THE PRESS. IN CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 24 WITH ROME AUGUSTA REPRESENTATIVE EMBASSY LEARNED FOLLOWING:

2. JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES ARE ARRESTING SEVERAL EMPLOYEES OF SIAI-MARCHETTI AND TWO OTHER AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS AS WELL AS SUNDRY ACCOMPLICES INVOLVED IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD GOI OUT OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR AIRPLANES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ALLEGEDLY SOLD THE GERMANS IN CLOSING DAYS OF WAR. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AUGUSTA HAVE BEEN INDICTED IN CASE BECAUSE FIRM OWNS CONTROLLING INTEREST IN SIAI-MARCHETTI. THIS, HOWEVER, IS APPARENTLY FORMALITY SINCE AUGUSTA PURCHASED STOCK AFTER FRAUD COMMITTED. AUGUSTA ITSELF, IN FACT, BILKED OUT OF BILLION LIRE BY CONSULTING FIRM FORMER SIAI-MARCHETTI MANAGEMENT HAD HIRED TO COLLECT ON WAR DAMAGE CLAIMS.

3. AUGUSTA'S CORPORATE JET HAS BEEN CONFISCATED BY GOI IN ENTIRELY UNRELATED DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE NEW INTERPRETATION
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OF CUSTOMS LAW IS BEING APPLIED TO ALL PRIVATE PLANES. FIRM'S LAWYERS CURRENTLY SEEKING TO RESOLVE MATTER.

4. AUGUSTA HAS CONTRACTED TO SELL 50 C-47 CHINOOK HELICOPTERS TO IRAN AGAINST PAYMENT IN PETROLEUM. CONTRACT WORTH 425 MILLION DOLLARS AND WILL PROVIDE THREE AND HALF YEARS WORK FOR AUGUSTA'S THREE MANUFACTURING PLANTS.

5. AGUSTA HAS AGREED AT REQUEST OF GOI TAKE OVER FAILING AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING FIRM NAMED SAKA NEAR BRINDISI. FIRM HAS SOME 1,000 EMPLOYEES AND AUGUSTA AGREED TO TAKE IT OVER ON CONDITION GOI GIVES AUGUSTA SUFFICIENT ORDERS DURING THREE YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD TO COVER LABOR COSTS, SOMEWHERE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 250 MILLION DOLLARS. GOI WILL INTRODUCE LEGISLATION CALLING FOR EXTRAORDINARY ADDITION TO DEFENSE BUDGET FOR YEARS 1978, 79, 80 FOR MANUFACTURE OF HELICOPTERS.

6. ITALIAN ARMY BYING FIVE PROTOTYPES OF AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILE EQUIPPED A-129 HELICOPTERS. IF TESTS SUCCESSFUL, FIRM EXPECTS ORDERS FOR AROUND FIFTY.BEAUDRY

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